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of the corporation will, however, be done by psychologists in existing laboratories.

At the first meeting of the directors the following officers were elected:

*President:* J. McKeen Cattell.

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*Chairman of the board:* Edward L. Thorndike.

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## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### LIST OF SCIENTIFIC PERIODICALS<sup>1</sup>

THE Conjoint Board of Scientific Societies (Burlington House, London, W. 1) proposes to provide a world list of periodical publications which contain the results of original scientific research. It is hoped that it will be possible to give in a single octavo volume the titles, in alphabetical order, and the places of publication of all such periodicals in existence on January 1, 1900, and of all issued after that date. The libraries in London, Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Dublin, and Aberystwyth, which take in such periodicals, would be indicated, and, wherever possible, at least one library in the United Kingdom would be mentioned for each periodical. The scheme aims at supplying a complete list of current scientific periodicals; and, if means are found to carry it out, may form a basis of cooperation between libraries, so that both the number of duplicates and the list of periodicals not received may be reduced. The trustees of the British Museum have consented to allow the compilation of the list to be undertaken by the staff of the Museum, and already a large bulk of material has been collected in the museum by various societies and by the conjoint board. The Museum, however, can not undertake to defray the cost of printing and publication, but it is hoped that a sufficient number of libraries and institutions will agree in advance to purchase one or more copies at the price of 2 guineas each. The preliminary announcement which has been issued does not attempt to define a scientific periodical, but we apprehend that it is intended to exclude

technical publications. It is not clear whether periodicals devoted to medicine would be included, and we understand that the point has not yet been decided. All departments of medicine, hygiene, and pathology, however, suffer more or less from the difficulty described, but it is felt to a very special degree by workers in these subjects in their application to the tropics; in particular the literature on helminthology, and indeed on parasitology generally, is very scattered, and papers which turn out to be of importance may be published in out-of-the-way periodicals, in the transactions of local societies, or in periodicals primarily devoted to some other science, as for instance entomology. Some time ago Professor R. T. Leiper, Director of the Department of Helminthology at the London School of Tropical Medicine, suggested that a list, showing the libraries in London and Liverpool at which periodicals publishing papers on tropical medicine could be consulted, would be of great use to workers, who at present may waste much time in making visits to libraries which do not contain the periodical they want or the particular number they wish to consult. The matter was brought to the notice of the Science Committee of the British Medical Association, which recognized the importance of the suggestion and in consequence a small sum of money was voted to cover preliminary expenses. A number of libraries have now been examined under Dr. Leiper's direction and a considerable amount of material collected, which it is hoped may shortly be made available. The manuscript list has been brought up to date and can now, we believe, be consulted at the School of Tropical Medicine.

### THE GORGAS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

THE American Public Health Association at its fiftieth annual meeting, held in New York City November 14-18, 1921, adopted the following resolution authorizing the president of the association to appoint a committee of five to cooperate with the organizers and directors of the proposed Gorgas Memorial Institute:

WHEREAS, The late William Crawford Gorgas, surgeon general of the United States Army, freed

<sup>1</sup> From the *British Medical Journal*.